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The weekly report of the municipal health department shows that there were reported during the week among foreigners 2 new cases of smallpox and 3 new cases of cholera; and among natives 18 deaths from smallpox, 90 deaths from cholera.

With regard to cholera, the disease seems to be of a fulminant character, having jumped into prominence in an astonishingly short time, and is killing many people every day. The mortality is rapidly on the increase. The health officer informed me that he thought there were upward of 300 deaths last week, and the Chinese say there were nearer 600.

Chefoo reports 1 case of smallpox and Hankow 1 case of typhus fever.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Cartagena—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions good—Smallpox diminishing—Antimosquito work begun.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jacobs reports, September 3:

Week ended September 3, 1907.

Bills of health issued.....	3
Passengers from this port.....	2
Crews	258
Members of crews inspected.....	94
Passengers in transit.....	123
Passengers inspected.....	6
Member of crew from this port.....	1

No quarantinable disease was reported by the authorities during the week.

Sanitary condition of Cartagena and surrounding country good. Smallpox is gradually disappearing.

As regards the general sanitary work, the authorities have begun the filling in of pools and low ground where water stagnates as a preliminary measure to be followed later by screening of cisterns and by oiling.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended September 7, 1907. Estimated population 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 1	Limon.....	Boston.....	46	6	0	0
2	Prinz Aug. Wilhelm..	New York.....	122	131	4	0
2	Bluefields.....	New Orleans.....	24	0	0	0
3	Pacuare.....	New York.....	53	1	0	0
4	Ellis.....	New Orleans.....	38	1	44	0
6	Reventazon.....	New York.....	53	5	0	0
7	Greenbrier.....	New Orleans.....	46	12	0	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports viséed.